

OSTRACION MELEAGRIS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Dentes teretes, porrecti, obtusiusculi.

Branchiarum apertura linearis.

Corpus osse integro loricatum.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

OSTRACION subquadratus nigricans albo punctatus.

Facillime dignoscitur hæc species a reliquo genere, maculis innumeris albis et rotundis imo coloris, qui niger, belle et æqualiter super-impositis. Rarior est, et oceanum incolit australem. Variat magnitudine; interdum tamen longa est sex vel octo uncias.

THE
SPECKLED OSTRACION.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Teeth cylindric, blunt, pointing forwards.

Branchial Aperture linear.

Body mailed by a complete bony covering.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

BLACKISH OSTRACION, of a somewhat
square form, speckled with white.

This species is readily distinguished from all others of its genus by the regular and beautiful manner in which it is marked with innumerable round spots of white on a black ground. It is a rare species, and is a native of the Southern ocean. In size it varies, but is sometimes seen of the length of six or eight inches.

